

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Office Action dated April 10, 2009, hereinafter “Office Action.” In that Office Action, claims 1-26, 28-29, 31, 33, 36-56, and 58-66 were examined and all claims were rejected. Specifically, claims 1-26, 28-29, 31, 33, 36-56, and 58-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested. In this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 16, 21, 28, 31, 33, 36, 41, 45, 47, 50, 52, 54, 56, and 63-66 have been amended, and no claims have been canceled or added. Therefore, claims 1-26, 28-29, 31, 33, 36-56, and 58-66 remain present for examination.

Applicants submit that claim amendments are supported throughout the specification, and in the claims as originally filed, and do not introduce new matter. For instance, support may be found in at least the following sections of the Specification:

- (1) Trust analyzer 210 assesses a level of trust to be accorded to detected object 208 based on at least one of the content, source, or action associated with object 208. The level of trust accorded to object 208 influences whether the action for the object may be activated unimpeded, whether the action is suppressed while the user is provided an opportunity to interactively accept or decline activation of an action for the object, or whether the action for the object is blocked altogether. It is to be appreciated that other levels of trust and their consequences may be apparent to those skilled in the art, and further that the examples provided herein are not to be considered to be limiting. (Specification, at 5-6, para. [0025].)
- (2) Objects assessed to have a level of explicit trustworthiness may have their associated actions activated without impedance. All other objects have their associated actions suppressed by suppressor 215. User interface 220 is provided to advise a user of the suppression of an action for an object, and to further provide an opportunity for the user to interactively accept or decline activation of the action for the object. (Specification, at 6, para. [0026].)
- (3) A trust analysis is performed 325 on an action for an object 208 that is optionally determined 315 to not be user-initiated. As set forth above with regard to FIG. 2, a

level of trust is accorded to detected object 208 based on, for example, at least one of the content, source, and action associated with object 208, when the security settings of the browser have been assessed. Thus, the levels of trust may be considered to be tiered. That is, more than being determined to be merely trusted or untrusted, object 208 may be accorded a variable level of trust in accordance with the content, source, and action corresponding to object 208. The level of trust for object 208 influences which option within activation opportunity 320 may be implemented for the action of object 208. Trust analysis 325 will be described in further detail with reference to the examples of FIGS. 4-7. (Specification, at 8, para. [0033].)

- (4) When object 208 is not accorded at least a threshold level of trust based on variable combinations of the content, source, and action thereof, the object is blocked 330. When an object is blocked, the action for the object is suppressed. Thus, any attempt to load code, open an HTML document, and access and/or open a data file, is unsuccessful without a user interactively accepting an opportunity to unblock the object. (Specification, at 8, para. [0034].)
- (5) FIG. 4 describes an example in which a trust level analysis is performed on a non-user activated code download on the browser; FIG. 5 describes an example in which a trust level analysis is performed on a code download that may or may not be safely performed on the browser. (Specification, at 9, para. [0038].)
- (6) The trust level analysis 325 for a non-user activated code download determines whether the source of object 208 is trusted. A source may be determined to be trusted if content from the source already exists on computing device 105, or if other security settings of computing device 105 have otherwise indicated that the content from the source of object 208 is acceptable on computing device 105. (Specification, at 11, para. [0042].)
- (7) Alternatively, a source may be deemed to be explicitly untrusted if no certificate exists on the downloaded code, if the user has previously chosen to not trust the publisher referenced by the certificate, or depending upon the security settings of the browser. (Specification, at 11, para. [0044].)

Claims Rejected Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 36-56, and 58-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In the interest of furthering the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the limitation “wherein the object does not include a downloadable security profile, generated by an external content inspection engine, attached thereto” and “without using the downloadable

security profile, or generating the downloadable security profile at the client device,” as was previously recited in claim 1. As such, the Examiner’s rejections are rendered moot and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection at the Examiner’s earliest convenience.

Applicants have made further amendments to the claims that are fully supported by the Specification, as detailed above. Applicants submit that these amendments place the claims in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance at Examiner’s earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION:

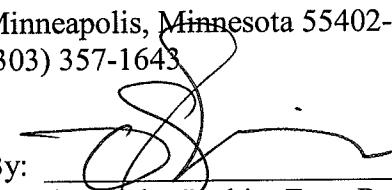
This Amendment fully responds to the Office Action mailed on April 10, 2009. Still, that Office Action may contain arguments and rejections that are not directly addressed by this Amendment due to the fact that they are rendered moot in light of the preceding arguments in favor of patentability. Hence, failure of this Amendment to directly address an argument raised in the Office Action should not be taken as an indication that the Applicants believe the argument has merit. Furthermore, the claims of the present application may include other elements, not discussed in this Amendment, which are not shown, taught, or otherwise suggested by the references of record. Accordingly, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

It is believed that no further fees are due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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